various schemes/programmes. These are implemented across the country. Depending on demand, the allocation of funds is made scheme-wise, not State-wise.

(b) To facilitate the promotion and development of micro and small enterprises (MSEs) and to further enhancing their competitive edge, the Government has announced, *inter-alia*, (i) the Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises, (ii) the implementation of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, besides operationalising the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006 from 2nd October, 2006.

Mandatory purchase of products produced by SSIs

†2717. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIU : NTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for making mandatory the purchase of products produced in small scale industries sector;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether the proposal is to be implimented in Government and non-Government sectors uniformly;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) This Ministry has initiated consultation process with all the stakeholders including industries associations and procurement agencies to formulate procurement preference policy for SMEs as envisaged under Section 11 of MSMED Act, 2006.

Appointment of CEO of KVIC

2718. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite recent amendment of the KVIC Act to professionalise it, the position of the CEO has remained vacant for long tenures;

(b) if so, the reasons for such delay in appointing the CEO of the KVIC; and

(c) by when Government propose to appoint the CEO?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.